(e) measures being taken to assist the small entrepreneurs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The charter policy is governed by the provisions of the Maritime Zones of India, (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981 and rules framed in 1982. All efforts are made to achieve the objectives of Charter Policy.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Under the revised charter policy announced in 1986, priority is given to small and medium entrepreneurs as compared to large industry houses in the issue of charter permits.

Problems faced by Fishing **Industry**

1172. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fishing industry is facing difficulties for a variety of reasons;

(b) if so, what measures are proposed to be taken to assist these units to be revived ;

(c) whether Commerce Ministry have submitted any proposal to supply diesel fuel to this industry at lower rates ; and

(d) what steps are being taken to expedite relief measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) The main difficulties that the deep sea fishing vessel owners have indicated relates to finance, high cost of diesel oil, lack of suitable facilities at fishing harbours, lack of convincing data on resources, procedural problems with regard to acquisition/ registration of vessels, delay in getting approval for employing foreign crew etc. Some of the issues have already been taken up with the concerned authorities with a view to remove the difficulties.

(c) and (d) A copy of a scheme formulated by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for supply of diesel to deep sea fishing industry has been recently received by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries from the Ministry of Commerce.

Over-fishing on the East Coast

1173. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps being taken to control over-fishing on the East Coast;

(b) whether an irreversible decline has set in for shrimp resources on the East Coast; and

(c) the measures being taken to protect the existing shrimp fishing industry through conservation and prevention of over-fishing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) There is no evidence to suggest overfishing of non-shrimp resources on the East Coast. However, it is reported that shrimp resources on the North East Coast is exploited at

optimum level at present. Shrimp production in the East Coast during the last five years is given below:—

1983 . ■. . . 36358 tonnes

1984 .... 36293 tonnes

1985 .... 29426 tonnes

1986 .... 37291 tonnes

1987 . 36445 tonnes (Provisional).

The figures above do not indicate any irreversible decline of shrimp catch on the East Coast.

(c) The following measures are being taken for conservation and prevention of over-fishing of shrimp resources :—

(1) Import of shrimp trawlers and multipurpose deep sea fishing vessels is not permitted.

(2) Specific area restriction for fishing in the North East Coast has been imposed as a condition in the letter of intent/letter of permission issued recently.

(3) Diversified fishing for exploitation of non-shrimp resources is encouraged.

Separate Seniority Lists for the Posts of English and Hindi Stenographers in AIR

1174. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are separate seniority lists for the posts of English and Hindi stenographers in the News Service Division of All India Radios ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only English stenographers are promoted to Grade I and Reporters ;

(c) if so, the reasons for not promoting Hindi stenographers ; and

(d) the action taken to bring parity between the two ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Hindi Stenographers are not promoted to the posts of Hindi Stenographer Grade I or Reporter as there are no posts of Stenographer Grade I (Hindi) or Reporter (Hindi).

(d) Stenographer (English) and Stenographer (Hindi) in the Subordinate Offices of AIR are two distinct cadres having separate recruitment rules, their own structure depending upon the functional and administrative requirements. The question of bringing parity between the two, therefore, does not arise.

गौतमपुरी में गंगा के पानी की सप्लाई

1175. श्री सुनील कुमार पटट्नायक : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गौतमपुरी में गंगा के पानी की आपूर्ति करने के लिए पाइप लाइनें बिछाने का काम हाल ही में शुरु कर दिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त कालोनी को पीने के पानी की सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध करा दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) इस कार्य के जून, 1989 तक पूर्ण होने की सम्भावना है। घरेलू कनैक्शन देने के लिए पानी की मुख्य लाइन को साफ करने और इसकी जांच करने के बाद पानी की आपूर्ति जारी की जायेगी।